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Hanford Reach Fall Chinook Sport Fishery: August 24-30

The fall chinook fishery in the Hanford Reach is starting to pick up. This past week several nice bright Chinook were harvested at Vernita, White Bluffs, Ringold, and in the Tri-cities. From August 17 through August 23, WDFW staff interviewed 57 boats (102 anglers) fishing for fall chinook in the Hanford Reach. Anglers reported harvesting 16 adult fall chinook, 4 jacks, and 3 sockeye. Staff sampled 35% of the boats fishing for salmon this past week. Estimated harvest for the week was 46 adult chinook 12 jacks and 9 sockeye.

Fall chinook counts at Bonneville Dam were over 22,000 on Saturday and McNary counts reached 3,600 adult chinook on Sunday.

WDFW staff also interviewed boats fishing for bass, northern pikeminnow, and walleye.

Species	Boats	Anglers	Hours	Bass		Walleye		Pikeminnow		Hours /
				Kept	Rel	Kept	Rel	Kept	Rel	Fish
Bass	7	9	38.5	53	35	0	0	0	0	0.4
Walleye	5	8	26.4	3	2	6	0	0	0	4.4
N. Pikeminnow	5	6	33.3	0	0	0	0	22	2	1.4